

# MARICOPA COUNTY INFLUENZA SUMMARY UPDATE

**Week ending March 13, 2004 (Week 10)**

**Synopsis:** During week 10 (March 7 – March 13, 2004), 1 laboratory-tested specimen was positive for influenza. The proportion of patient visits to Cigna Health Care Centers for influenza-like-illness (ILI) was 0.23%, while the proportion of patient visits to ASU Student Health and Wellness Center for ILI was 0.26%. The overall percentage of ER visits for ILI was 0.63%. The average daily percentage of students absent due to ILI was 0.55%, and the average daily percentage of students absent due to illness was 2.54%. Long-term care center surveillance indicated insignificant influenza activity\*.

**Laboratory Surveillance:** During week 10, a total of 1 specimen tested positive for influenza. One untyped influenza virus was identified at Arizona Medical Clinic.

**Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Mortality Surveillance\*\*:** P&I data for week 10 is currently unavailable.

**Influenza-like Illness Surveillance\*\*:** During week 10, 0.23% of patient visits to Cigna Health Care facilities were due to ILI. The proportion of patient visits to ASU Student Health and Wellness Center for ILI was 0.26%. The overall percentage of ER visits for ILI was 0.63%. The average daily percentage of students absent due to ILI was 0.55%, and the average daily percentage of students absent due to illness was 2.54%. Due to differences in case definitions as well as wide variability between national and local-level data, it is not appropriate to apply any national baselines or thresholds to the information represented in this report\*\*\*.

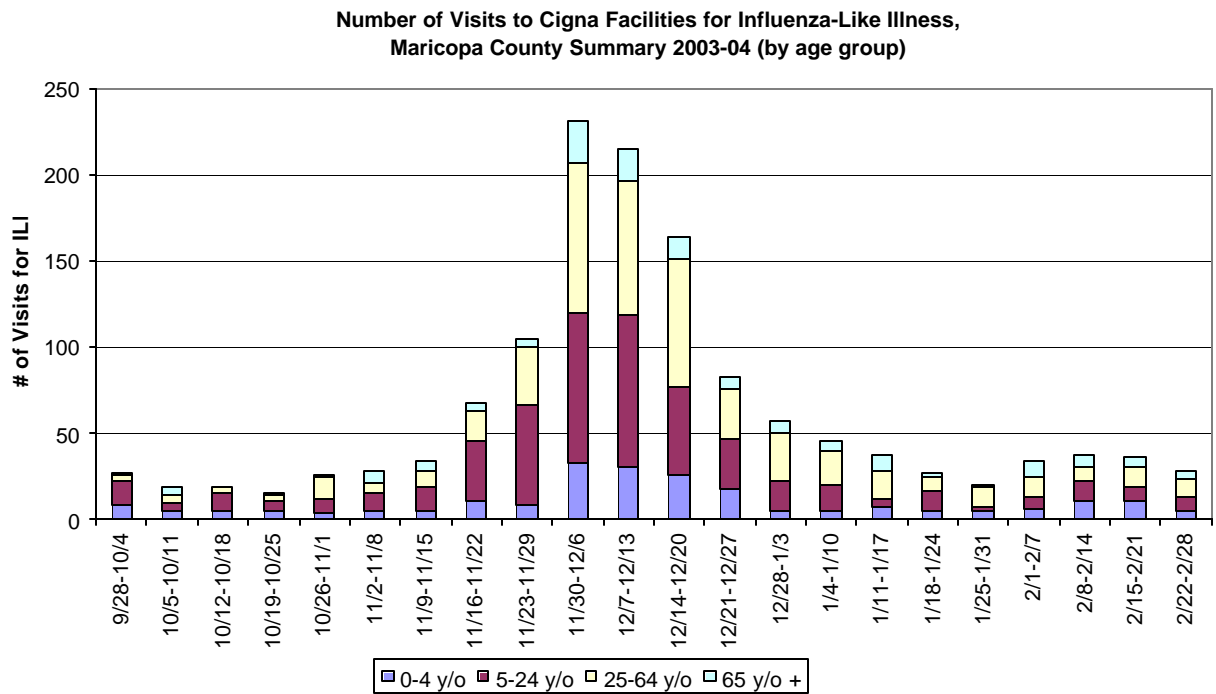
Date	% Visits for ILI
9/28-10/4	0.15
10/5-10/11	0.11
10/12-10/18	0.12
10/19-10/25	0.08
10/26-11/1	0.11
11/2-11/8	0.12
11/9-11/15	0.15
11/16-11/22	0.31
11/23-11/29	0.72
11/30-12/6	0.96
12/7-12/13	0.94
12/14-12/20	0.85
12/21-12/27	0.68
12/28-1/3	0.45
1/4-1/10	0.23
1/11-1/17	0.20
1/18-1/24	0.15
1/25-1/31	0.12
2/1-2/7	0.19
2/8-2/14	0.20
2/15-2/21	0.21
2/22-2/28	0.24
2/29-3/6	0.25
3/7-3/13	0.24

**Percentage of Visits for Influenza-like Illness at Cigna Facilities, Maricopa County Summary 2003-04**

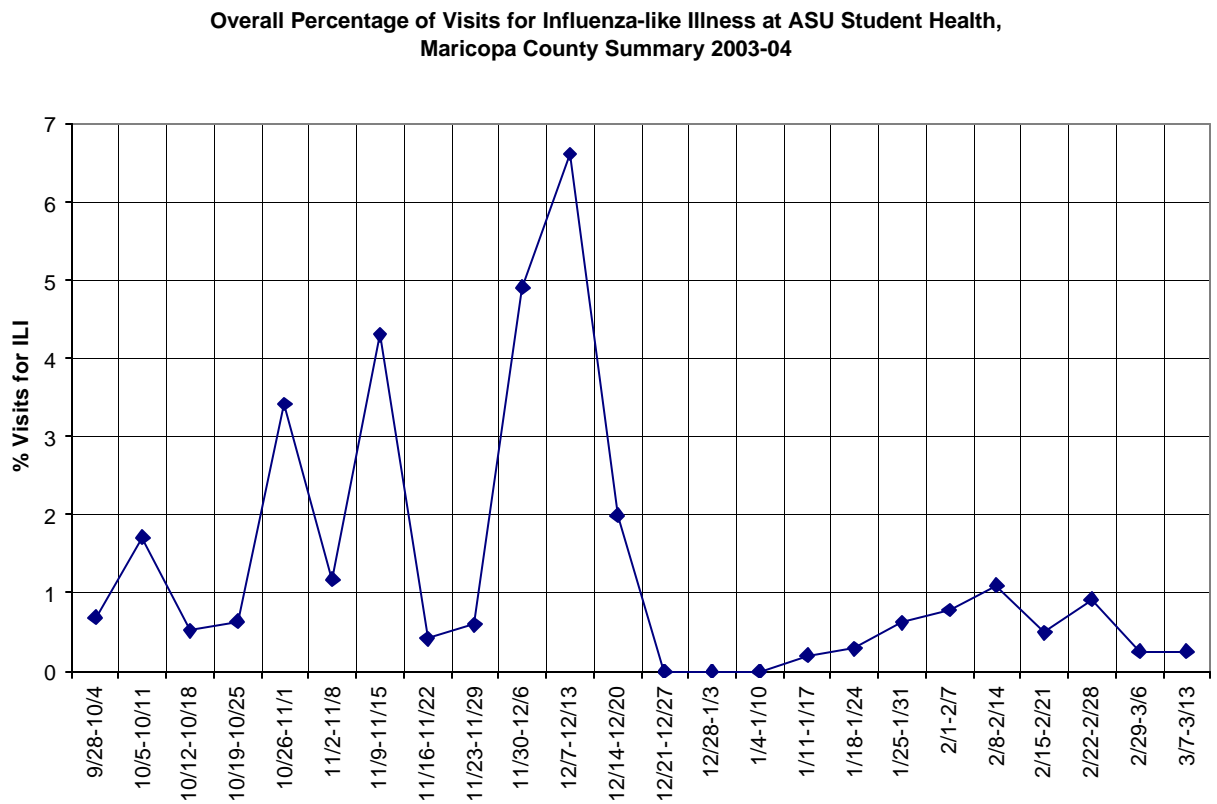
The graph displays the percentage of visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) across 20 Cigna facilities in Maricopa County from September 2003 to March 2004. The Y-axis represents the percentage of visits for ILI, ranging from 0 to 8. The X-axis shows dates in weekly intervals. A legend on the right identifies the facilities by their corresponding line and marker colors/shapes.

Key observations from the graph include:

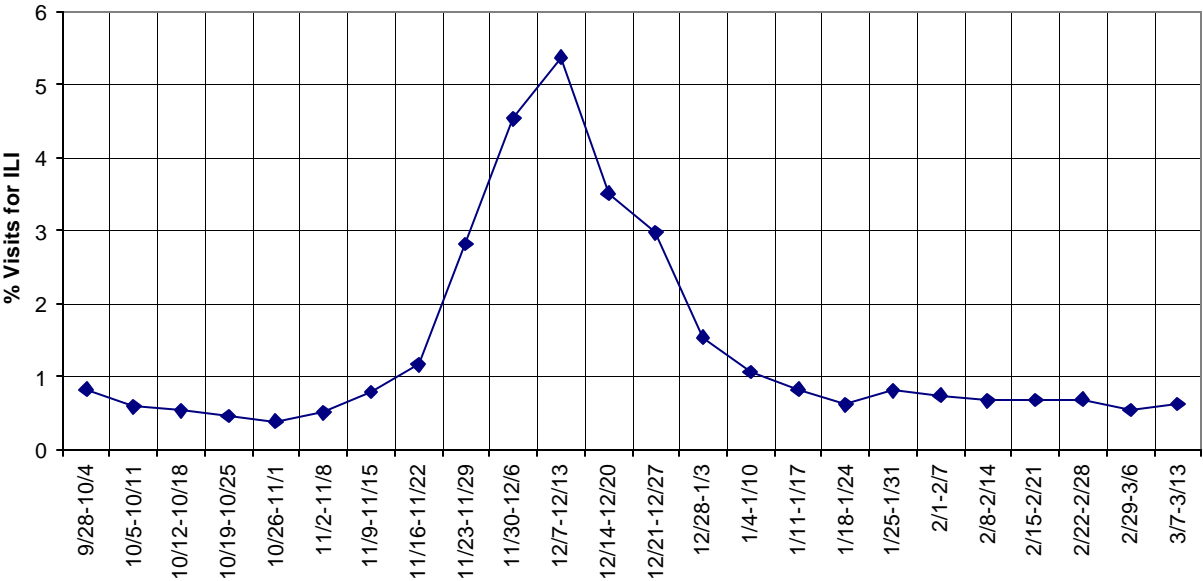
- A general increase in ILI visits starting around late October/early November 2003.
- A major peak occurring between late November and early December 2003, with Staple AHC reaching the highest peak at 7%.
- Other facilities showing significant peaks include North Valley (approx. 3.5%), Super. Springs (approx. 3.3%), and Gilbert (approx. 3.0%) around November 29, 2003.
- After the peak, most facilities show a decline in ILI visits, with some remaining elevated (e.g., South Mountain, Sun City West) through the end of the period shown.



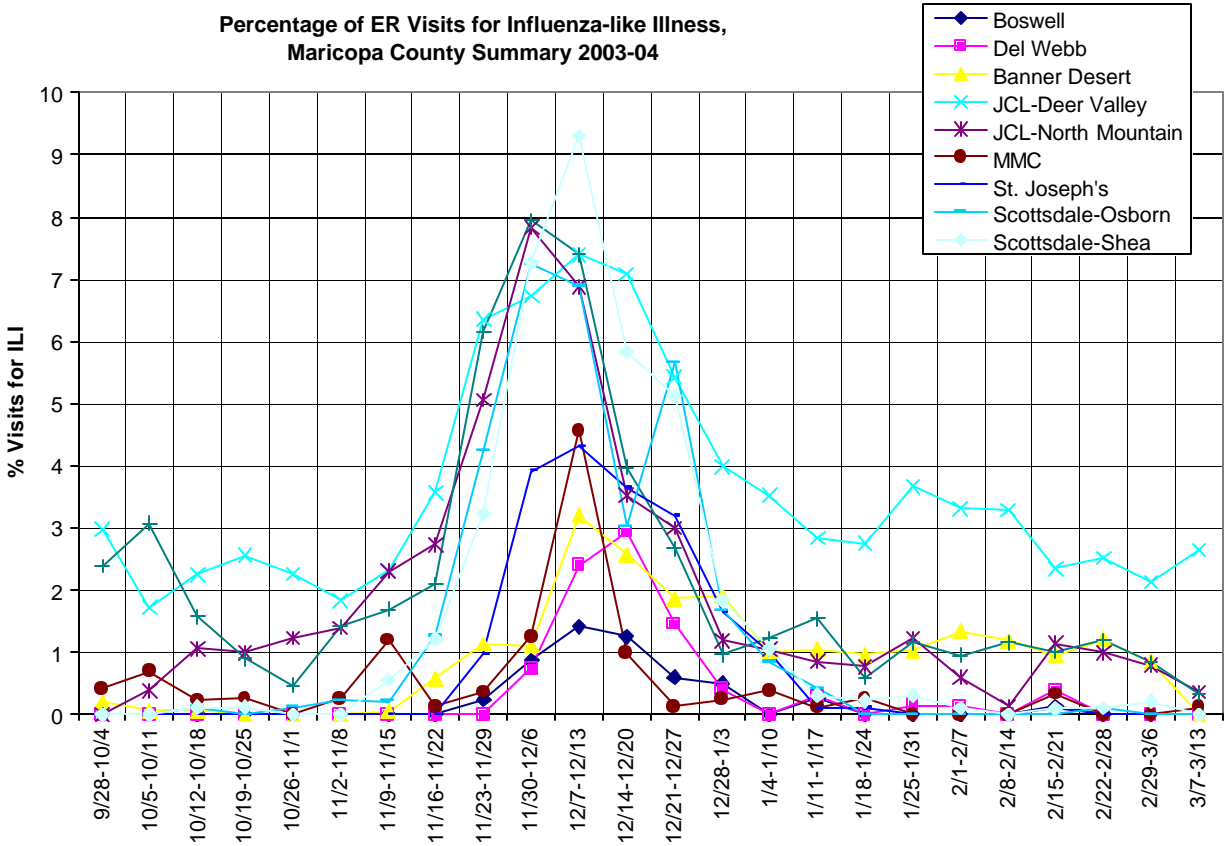
Cigna age data for weeks 9 and 10 is not yet available.



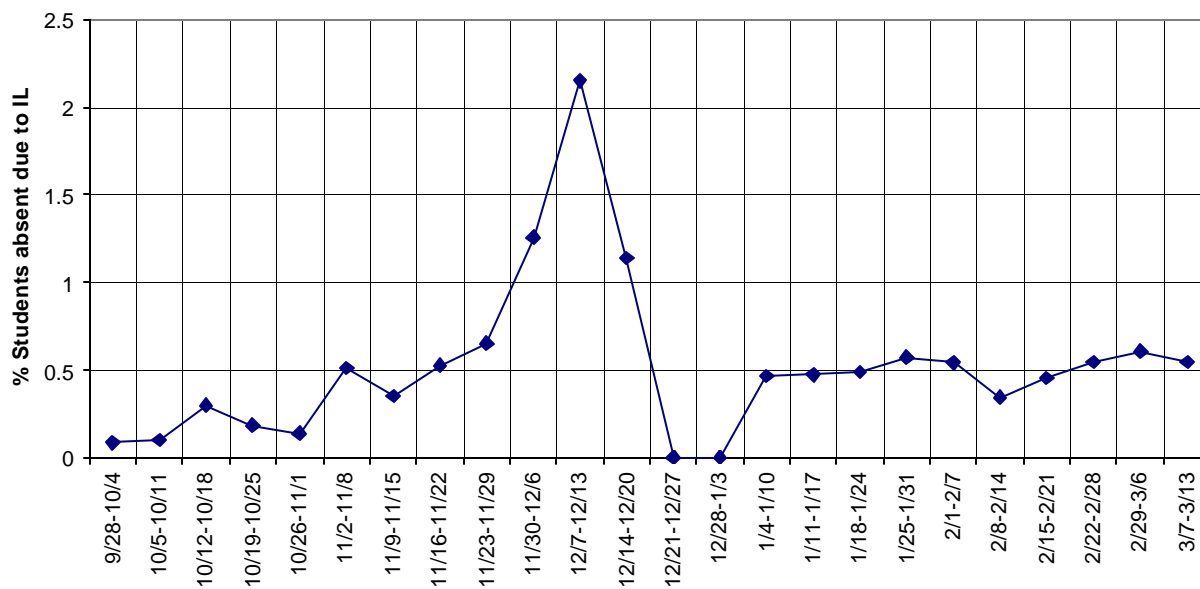
Overall Percentage of Visits to ER for Influenza-like Illness,  
Maricopa County Summary 2003-04



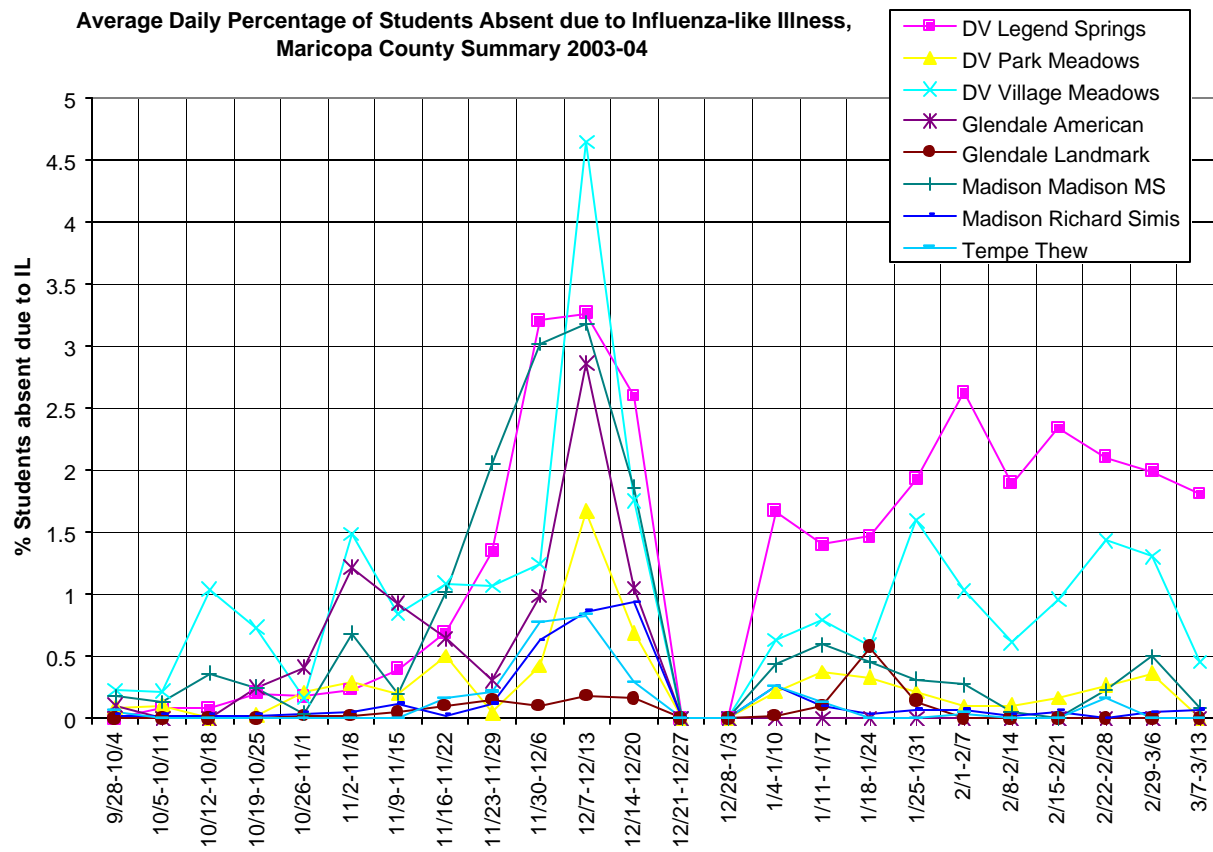
Percentage of ER Visits for Influenza-like Illness,  
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**Average Daily Percentage of Students Absent due to Influenza-like Illness,  
Maricopa County Summary 2003-04**

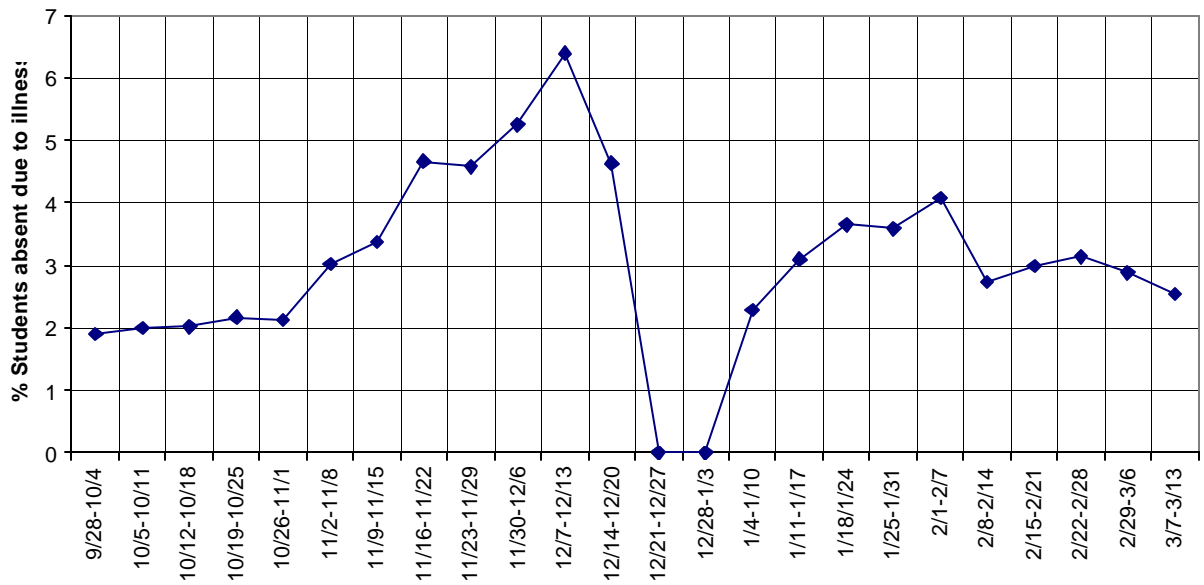


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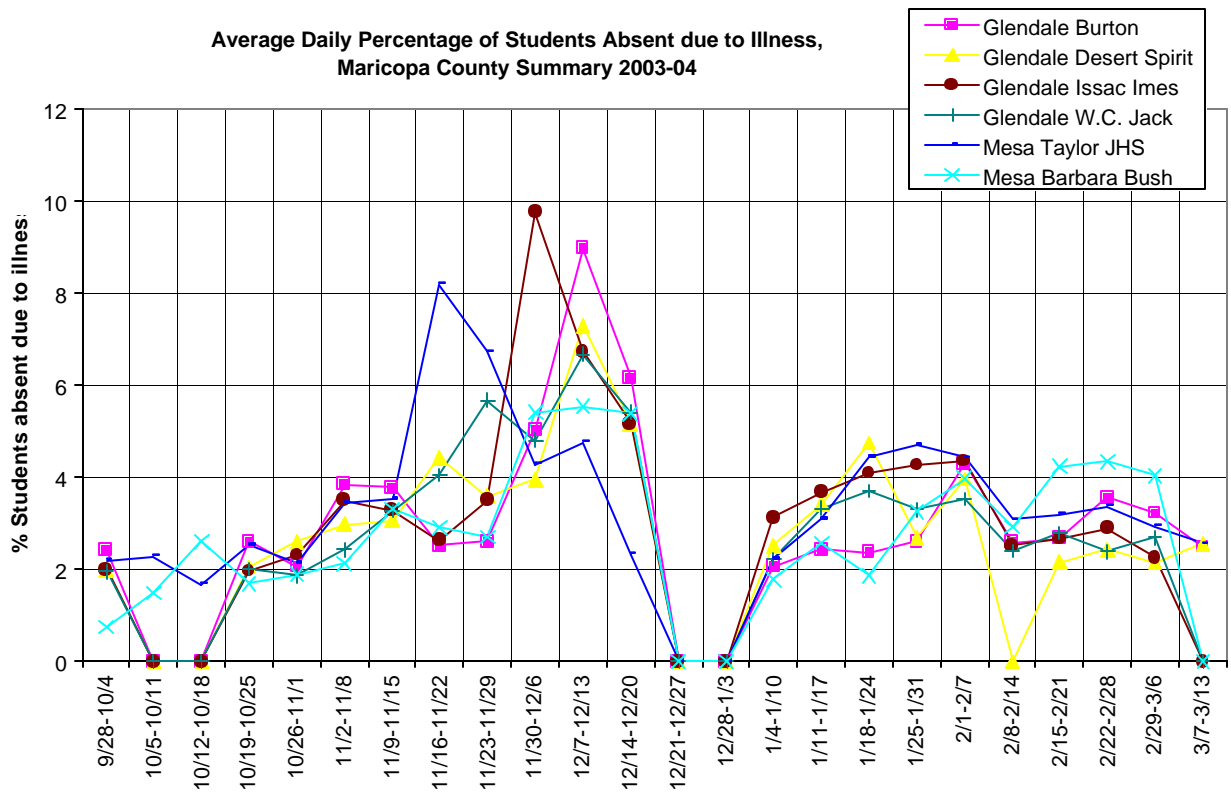


Note: All schools were on winter break from 12/21 – 1/3.

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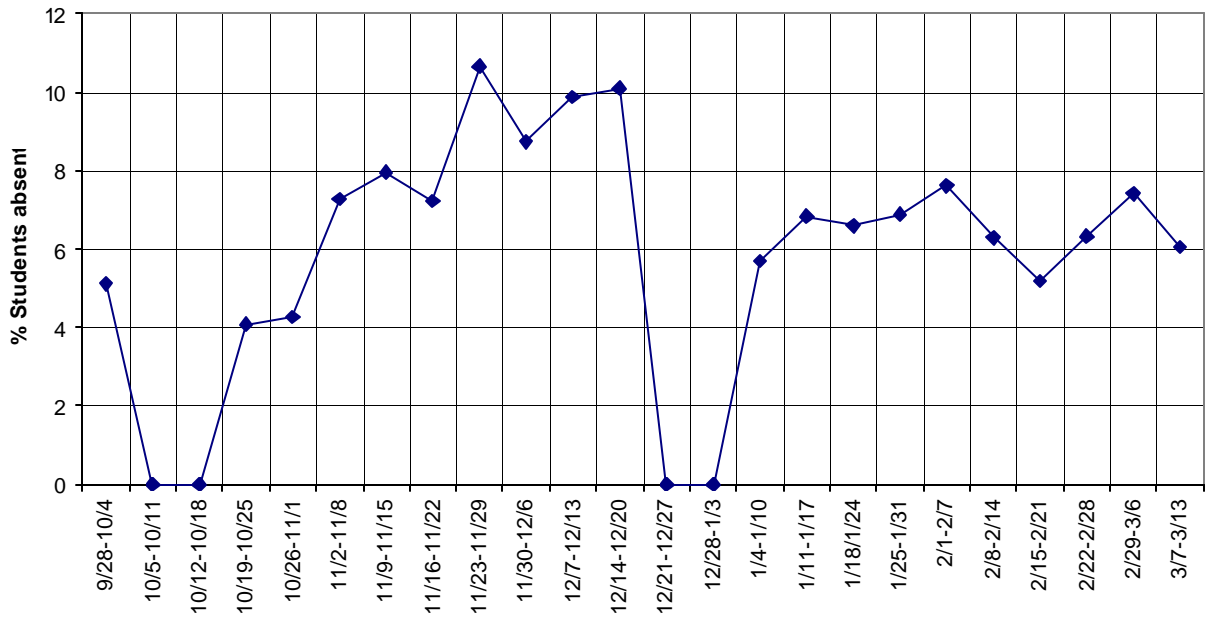
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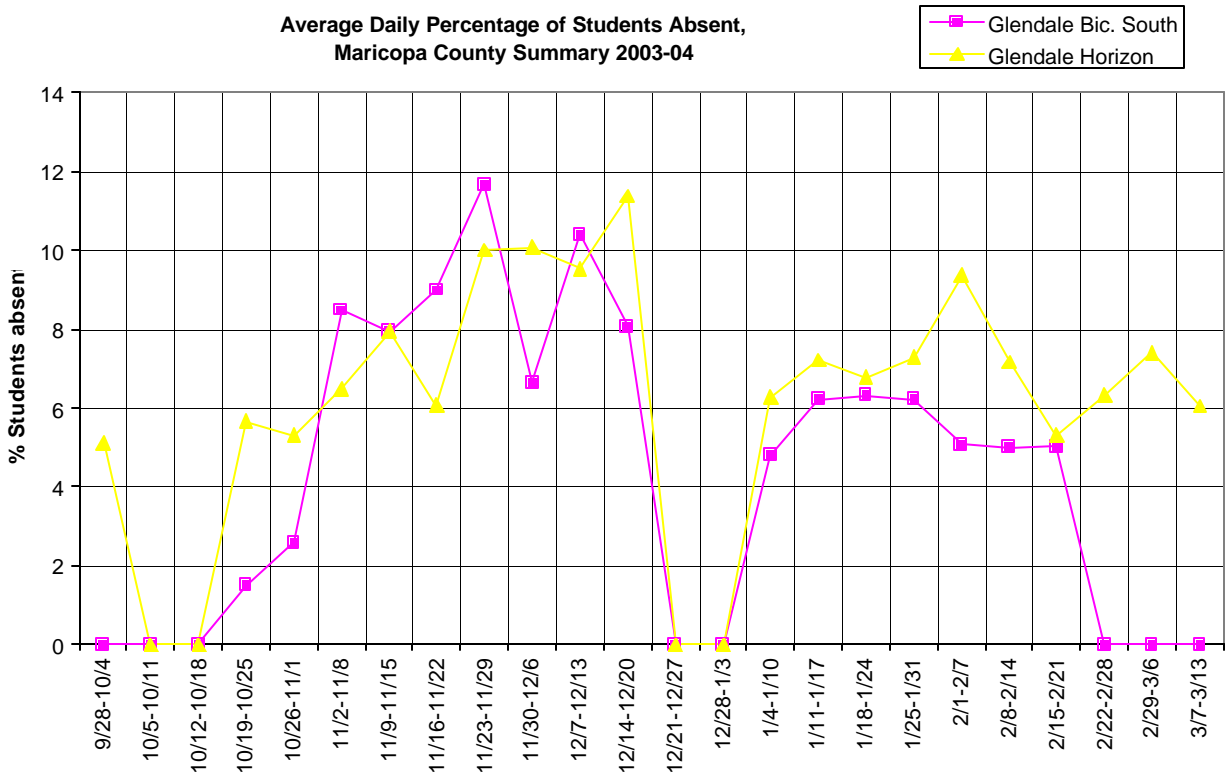
Note: Glendale schools were on fall break from 10/5/2003 – 10/18/2003.

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**Average Daily Percentage of Students Absent,  
Maricopa County Summary 2003-04**



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Note: The only schools reporting total absences are Glendale Bicentennial South and Glendale Horizon. These schools were on fall break from 10/5/2003 – 10/18/2003 and winter break from 12/21 – 1/3.

\* Influenza activity is defined as influenza-like illness and/or culture-confirmed influenza.

\*\* Reporting is incomplete for this week. Numbers may change as more reports are received.

\*\*\* Case definitions

For Cigna Health Care Centers and ASU Student Health and Wellness Center:  
Fever plus either cough or sore throat

For Hospital ER's, Long-term Care Centers, and Schools:  
Fever of 102 degrees or higher, plus two of the following symptoms:  
Headache, chills, myalgia, cough, coryza, sore throat

Surveillance Sources: **Hospital Emergency Departments** (Boswell Memorial Hospital, Del Webb Memorial Hospital, Banner Desert Medical Center, John C. Lincoln Hospital Deer Valley, John C. Lincoln Hospital North Mountain, Maricopa Medical Center, Phoenix Indian Medical Center, St. Joseph's Hospital, Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn, Scottsdale Healthcare Shea); **Cigna Health Care Centers** (Chandler, CJ Harris, Clyde Wright, Clyde Wright AHC, Deer Valley, Gilbert, North Valley, Paradise Valley, Paseo, Paseo AHC, Scottsdale, South Mountain, Stapley, Stapley AHC, Sun City, Sun City West, Superstition Springs, Tempe, The Pointe, Westridge); **Long-term Care Centers**: (Arbor Rose Assisted Living, Christian Care Nursing Center, Cook Healthcare, Life Care Center of Paradise Valley, Sun Health Care Center, Westminster Village); **Schools**: (Deer Valley Legend Springs, Deer Valley Park Meadows, Deer Valley Village Meadows, Glendale American, Glendale Bicentennial South, Glendale Burton, Glendale Desert Spirit, Glendale Horizon, Glendale Issac Imes, Glendale Landmark, Glendale W.C. Jack, Madison Middle School, Madison Richard Simis, Mesa Taylor, Mesa Barbara Bush, Tempe Thew); **ASU Student Health and Wellness Center**

Cigna Health Care Centers and ASU Student Health and Wellness Center are participants in CDC's Sentinel Surveillance program.

Report can be found online at: [http://www.maricopa.gov/public\\_health/epi/flu.asp](http://www.maricopa.gov/public_health/epi/flu.asp)

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